

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of making a hard disk drive more visually stimulating, comprising:
 - (a) providing the hard disk drive with a housing, a disk that is rotatable relative to the housing, an actuator that is movable relative to the disk, and a cover that is at least partially transparent;
 - (b) mounting the hard disk drive to an electronic device;
 - (c) providing data storage and/or retrieval for the electronic device with the hard disk drive; and
 - (d) permitting observation of at least some movement inside the housing through the cover while the electronic device is in operation.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein step (d) comprises permitting observation of the disk and the actuator.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises providing a completely transparent and clear cover.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises providing a cover that is tinted with color.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises providing a translucent cover.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises structurally reinforcing the cover with opaque materials.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising flashing a light on and making the movement inside the housing appear to move at a speed that is less than an actual speed of the movement.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising flashing a light on and making the disk appear to move at a rotational speed that is less than an actual rotational speed of the disk.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the flashing step comprises making the disk, a hub of the disk, and the actuator appear to move at speeds that are less than their actual speeds.
10. The method of claim 1, further comprising decorating at least one of the disk, the hub, and the actuator, such that the decorations cause appearance of color, and change and movement of color depending on an angle of observation to additionally contribute to an appearance of the hard disk drive.
11. The method of claim 1, further comprising patterning at least one of the disk, a hub of the disk, the actuator, and the cover to additionally contribute to an appearance of the hard disk drive.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein the patterning step comprises forming a diffraction grating pattern.

13. A method of making a hard disk drive more visually stimulating, comprising:
- (a) providing the hard disk drive with a housing, a disk that is rotatable relative to the housing, an actuator that is movable relative to the disk, and a cover that is at least partially translucent;
 - (b) mounting the hard disk drive to an electronic device;
 - (c) providing data storage and/or retrieval for the electronic device with the hard disk drive;
 - (d) permitting observation of at least some movement of the disk and the actuator inside the housing through the cover while the electronic device is in operation; and
 - (e) flashing a light on and making the movement inside the housing appear to move at a speed that is less than an actual speed of the movement.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein step (a) comprises providing a completely transparent and clear cover.
15. The method of claim 13, wherein step (a) comprises providing a cover that is tinted with color.
16. The method of claim 13, wherein step (a) comprises structurally reinforcing the cover with opaque materials.
17. The method of claim 13, wherein step (e) comprises making the disk, a hub of the disk, and the actuator appear to move at speeds that are less than their actual speeds.
18. The method of claim 13, further comprising decorating at least one of the disk, the hub, and the actuator, such that the decorations cause appearance of color, and change and movement of color depending on an angle of observation to additionally contribute to an appearance of the hard disk drive.

19. The method of claim 13, further comprising patterning at least one of the disk, a hub of the disk, the actuator, and the cover to additionally contribute to an appearance of the hard disk drive.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the patterning step comprises forming a diffraction grating pattern.